

6.8.6 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS

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The Support Bureau has audit responsibility.

The Training Division has approved, and the Chief of Police has authorized a list of firearms as either primary uniform, non-uniform holster firearms, or back-up firearms. All authorized personnel may exercise one of the options in the type of firearm they carry on duty.

Due to constant improvements in firearms and the many new models introduced every year, addendums to this policy have been established.

The addendums will be maintained by the Training Division. The Rangemaster will have the most current list of approved firearms. A new firearm or caliber may be added at any time. If an addition or deletion is made, the Rangemaster will prepare an addendum.

The criteria for adding new firearms are as follows:

- A) The model has been in production for at least 2 years;
- B) Over 1,000 units have been produced;
- C) The manufacturer has a solid reputation in the law enforcement community;
- D) The firearm has been evaluated by the Rangemaster, or the firearm has been evaluated by another law enforcement agency and the evaluation meets the standard of the Long Beach Police Department.

Prior to being deployed, a newly acquired firearm or firearm that has been modified and will be used in a duty capacity, the following shall occur:

- A) The firearm shall be inspected by the Rangemaster.
- B) The firearm shall be test fired for function.
- C) The officer shall pass the 50-round qualification course with a minimum 80%

6.8.6.1 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS – TRIGGER PULL WEIGHT

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- A) **Minimum Trigger Pull Weight Requirement** - The trigger pull weight for all firearms shall be at factory minimum or greater, but in no case shall the trigger pull weight be less than four pounds. Officers are responsible for having the trigger pull weight tested every two years during the scheduled qualification period by the Range staff. Officers will be responsible for correcting any trigger pull weight discrepancies that do not meet factory minimum standards or the four-pound minimum, whichever is greater.
- B) **Sig Sauer Exemption** - Officers who carry a Sig Sauer firearm, as their primary duty weapon, with a trigger pull weight that measures between four and three and a half pounds, may continue to carry that weapon as a primary duty weapon, if they have a current 50 round qualification score on file as of 08/25/2015. The following exceptions will apply:

- 1) If the trigger pull weight falls below three and a half pounds, the officer shall be responsible for correcting the trigger pull weight to a minimum of three and a half pounds.
- 2) If the firearm is sold to another officer, this exemption will no longer apply.
- 3) If an officer, who has qualified with and carried a Sig Sauer with a trigger weight exemption, qualifies with another duty weapon that meets the four pound trigger pull requirement, this exemption will no longer apply.

6.8.6.2 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS – LASER SIGHTS

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The use of laser sights on firearms while on duty is prohibited. SWAT is exempt from this restriction.

6.8.6.3 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS – MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & MODIFICATIONS

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Officers are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of their firearms and are required to properly maintain their duty firearm at all times.

The Rangemaster or SWAT armorer shall be the only persons authorized to repair or modify any department-owned firearm.

Any modifications to an officer's personally owned duty firearms shall be done at his or her expense and must be approved by the Rangemaster.

6.8.6.4 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS – SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS

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All personnel transitioning from a revolver to a semi-automatic firearm must complete semi-automatic transition training at the Long Beach Police Department Pistol Range and pass the 50-round qualification course with a minimum 80% proficiency prior to deploying the firearm.

Reserve officers must have permission from the full-time reserve program coordinator prior to transitioning from a revolver to a semi-automatic firearm.

All officers who attend semi-automatic transition training must do so at their own expense and on personal time.

6.8.6.5 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS – BACKUP FIREARMS

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Uniform or plainclothes personnel are authorized to use backup firearms. The backup firearm shall be easily concealed, readily obtainable and carried in a holster.

Sworn personnel shall qualify annually with their backup firearm, and must pass the 25 round backup course with a minimum 80% proficiency.